Benefits for flowing Narmada water to Sabarmati river

2154. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water of Narmada river is to flow in Sabarmati river under Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Project;

(b) if so, what are apparent benefits of such water grid; and

(c) in what manner Government contemplate such water grid in rest of the nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Sardar Sarovar Project on the Narmada is the terminal inter-state project. The Sardar Sarovar dam is under construction. During the monsoon of 2002, Sardar Sarovar Dam received heavy floods and the flood waters entered the Narmada Main Canal through the Irrigation Bye Pass Tunnel, which is under construction. The water flowed in the Narmada Main Canal was released through escapes into various enroute rivers including Sabarmati. Due to this incidental benefits like recharge of wells, etc. have occurred.

(c) In 1980 in the Ministry of Water Resources (then known as the Ministry of Irrigation) formulated a National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development which envisages inter-linkages among Peninsular river and Himalayan rivers of transferring water from water surplus basins to water deficit areas for optimum utilisation of water resources.

PM Water Harvesting Scheme

†2155. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI;
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIAY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to start "Prime Minister Water Harvesting Scheme" for construction, renovation and development of the

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traditional water resources on the line of the Prime Minister Rural Employment Scheme and the Prime Minister Road Scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the master plan of district-wise water harvesting structure has been prepared on the basis of distant sensing technique to implement this scheme; and

(c) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Ministry of Water Resources has no such proposal, under consideration.

(b) and (c) In view of above, questions do not arise.

Construction of medium size irrigation projects

2156. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the construction of major and medium size irrigation projects in the Jaipur region of Rajasthan during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the details of funds earmarked for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) As reported by the State Government of Rajasthan one major project namely Bisalpur Irrigation-cum-Drinking Water Project (district Tonk) and one medium project namely Panchana Irrigation project (district Karauli) are targeted to be completed during Tenth Five Year Plan Period. Two new major Irrigation projects namely utilisation of Yamuna Water in Bharatpur district and utilisation of Yamuna water in Jhujhunu and Churu districts are to be started in the Tenth Five Year Plan. The State Government has made a provision of Rs. 114.95 crore for Bisalpur Irrigation-cum-Drinking Water Project and Rs. 22.50 crore for Panchana Medium Irrigation Project in the Tenth Five Year Plan. Further, provision of Rs. 0.06 crore has been kept in the Tenth Five Year Plan for the two new projects namely utilisation